Abandoned DDA Flats

1444. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 3000 DDA flats in Bindapur, Dwarka and several hundred in Nand Nagari have been lying abandoed for years, in the absence of any takers;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) The DDA has reported that 3417 expandable houses have been built in Bindapur (Dwarka sub city). These houses are independent units with scope for additional construction as per the approved plan. These houses were offered to the registrants of NPRS—1979 & AAY—1989 in 1993-94. The registrants, however, did not accept these houses and insisted for regular flats. All these houses were allotted under the expandable Housing Scheme 1995, but only 500 allottees accepted the allotment. For the disposal of the remaining flats, the Expandable Housing Scheme 1996, has been launched recently. More than 52,000 applications have been received and the same are under scrutiny.

The concept of expandable housing is a new one and it may take time to become popular and acceptable.

In Nand Nagari, no flats are lying abandoned or unallotted. Some flats are unoccupied at site because these have either been surrendered or the allottees are in the process of complying with the terms and conditions of allotment.

Resumption of supplies by HPCL

1445. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which Government have passed orders for resumption of supplies by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited to the petroleum products dealers;

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials of HPCL for non-implementation of these orders; and

(c) by when these orders are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) In the recent past, the Government has issued instructions to Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited for revival of one kerosene dealership. The Corporation has sought Government guidance in the matter.

Utilization of refining capacity

1446. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present actual production of petroleum at various refineries annually in the country, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the estimated requirement in respect of these items in the country, per year: and

(c) the percentage of refining capacity presently being utilised and the steps being taken to ensure optimum utilisation of capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The actual production of petroleum products in the various refineries in the country during the year 1995-96 was 54.88 MMT, as against requirement of 74.72 MMT. The production of petroleum products from Koyali Refinery, in the State of Gujarat, was 9.47 MMT.

The utilisation of the total refining capacity during 1995-96 was 102.3%.

Import of Oil

1447. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import 65 million tonnes of oil annually;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background for such import;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to encourage indigenous sources of oil, to reduce imports in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The quantum of oil import depends upon the over all consumption and refining capacity of the country.

(c) and (d) Steps are being taken to increase crude oil production in the country through application of improved technologies, development of new fields, additional development of existing fields and by inviting foreign and private capital in the upstream sector.

Modern Drainage Scheme for Elluru and Tadepalligudem Towns in Andhra Pradesh

1448. SHRI YERRA NARYANA-SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific request has been made by the Andhra Pradesh Government for financial assistance for modern drainage scheme for Eluru and Tadepalligudem towns in West Godavari district; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Subsidy for Propagation of Solar Energy

1449. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts spent as subsidy during the last two years for propagation of production of solar energy, together with the amount spent in Kerala; and

(b) whether Government propose to extend the subsidy scheme, now available to gobar gas plants, to industrial units which instal such gas plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALA-CHARI): (a) An amount of Rs. 45.06 crores has been spent during the last two years under the programmes being implemented by the Ministry for the propagation and utilisation of solar energy in the country including an amount of Rs. 2.887 crores spent in the State of Kerala.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government is already providing central subsidy to industrial units who are installing gobar gas plants. The subsidy for installation of gobar gas plants namely community, institutional and night soil based biogas plants would continue to be provided for such industrial units during current year also.